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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the specification as follows:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please insert the following:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/180,420,
incorporated herein in its entirety.--

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent No. 6,000,000, filed February 4, 2000, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

Applicant's claim of the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/180,420 was correctly cited on the Official Filing Receipt to reflect Applicant's priority claim in the original filing papers and the declaration. Therefore, no fees are believed to be due, however, to the extent that this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any outstanding fees or credit any overpayments to our deposit account 19-0733.

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